

**CAMBRIDGE WATER BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 9, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Those in attendance were:

**Cambridge Water Board (CWB):** Paul D. Robillard, Ann C. Roosevelt, James A. Burruss and Philip M. Weinberg.

**Cambridge Water Department (CWD):** Sam Corda, Fred Centanni, Chip Norton and Steve Lush  
**Guests:** None

**A. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2009 MEETING**

Mr. Burruss moved and Mr. Robillard seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2009 meeting as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**B. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Hiring Update:* Distribution Manager: selected a candidate to start by the end of March; Awaiting Vacancy Committee approval: Watershed Working Supervisor; Water Systems Maintenance Craftsperson (2); MEOIIA Operations Specialist positions; Meter Technician Supervisor: promoted an individual effective on 2/17/09; Water Systems Maintenance Craftsperson: working to fill position from Civil Service list.

*Budget:* Working with Executive Department on determining how best to reduce FY09 and FY10 budgets.

*Policies & Procedures:*

- Little Fresh Pond – Reviewed the idea of allowing ice skating on Little Fresh Pond. Current signs are posted stating: “Skating at Own Risk”. Consult with Legal Department to determine and a course of action.
- Animal Control - Reviewed the policy and procedures to accommodate the revised City Ordinances Chapter 5.04 – Animal Control Regulations, Sections 6.04.040 – Leash Exempt Areas – Off-leash Dog Areas and 6.04.030 Dogs-Leash or restraint-Required-Offense. A draft signage plan will be ready for the May 2009 Water Board meeting.

*Hydroelectric Feasibility Study Report:* The final feasibility report on whether it is possible to generate electricity somewhere along our raw water conduit has been submitted to the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC). The report suggests that there are two possible sites for the installation of turbines to generate electricity and also recommends that we move to the next step – to select the best options and start the design phase.

*Annual Fresh Pond Reservation Day (AFPRD):* This year AFPRD will be held on May 9, 2009 at the end of Water Week. Any volunteers are welcome to support this very successful event from last year.

*Future Water Board Meeting Topics:* April 2009 – Capital and Operating Budget; May 2009 – Upcountry Policy and Procedures/Land Acquisitions; June 2009 – Tour of Fresh Pond Reservation Projects (i.e. Stream “C”, Little Fresh Pond, Northeast Sector); September 2009 – Distribution Division update.

## **OPERATIONS**

### **Transmission and Distribution:**

There have been 17 leaks in February. The Walden Street water main is in service.

### **Watershed:**

- *Golf Course Stream C Project:* Is on schedule and working on planting plan.
- *Prospect Point:* Comments on the Supplemental Draft EIR have been submitted to the EOEEA Secretary. The main remaining issue is the installation of the Rotary Basin on MHD property. This is critical to ensure the water quality that is needed to meet EPA storm water standards. We are working on a letter from the City Manager in support of this.
- *Black's Nook Improvements:* Initiated the design process to improve this area, which is a priority in the Fresh Pond Master Plan.

### **Business:**

No comments

### **Water Operations:**

No comments

### **Engineering Division:**

No comments

### **C. Action Items**

April 14<sup>th</sup> was selected for the Annual Water Board dinner.

### **D. Miscellaneous Correspondence and Items of Interest**

No comment

### **E. New Business**

None

### **F. Next Meeting Dates/Topics:**

- Monday, April 13, 2009 - Capital and Operating Budget
- Monday, May 11, 2009 – Upcountry Policy and Procedures/Land Acquisition
- Monday, June 8, 2009 – Tour of Fresh Pond Reservation Projects
- Monday, September 9, 2009 – TBA/Distribution Division

Mr. Weinberg moved and Ms. Roosevelt seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm.  
The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Minutes approved by vote of the Board

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Ann C. Roosevelt, President